(b) Under section 13(2) of the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994, the State Governments are empowered to appoint by a notification one or more officers as Appropriate Authorities for the purposes of the Act. The information relating to the number of cases of kidney transplants should be available with such Appropriate Authority of State Govemment(s) concerned in whose jurisdiction such transplantation takes place. The Director General of Health Services has been appointed as the Appropriate Authority in respect of all Union Territories including the N.C.T. of Delhi.

Study on the working of the Traumatic Centres in the City hospitals

45. PROF. A. LAKSHMISAGAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any recent study about the working of the Traumatic Centres in the City hospitals to know how far they are equipped and capable to deal with emergency cases of accident victims;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the hospitals lacking the essential requirements for the emergency department to deal with such cases; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Anthrax vaccine

46. SHRIRAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Anthrax scare has struck public during the last few months;

(b) if so, the steps taken to combat Anthrax;

(c) whether any vaccine/drug is available to treat Anthrax patients;

(d) if so, the details'thereof; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to produce vaccine for prevention of Anthrax?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a)Yes, Sir.